



100 YEARS  
NEBRASKA-IOWA DISTRICT

# A Century of Service



HATS  
OFF



to the  
Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis District  
on our  
100th Anniversary



**Kiwanis**  
LINCOLN NORTHEAST

Proud Home of District Governor Lenora Hanna



*Congratulations  
To Our District  
On A Century  
Of Service!*

**Kiwanis**  
*Wahoo Area Club*

Congratulations  
to our sponsor club,  
Fremont, a 100-year  
club in 2020!

Chartered Dec. 13, 2001

Proud Home Club of District Administrator Lisa Brichacek

*A Century  
of Service*

Virtual Convention  
Program

Aug. 6, 7 & 8, 2020

*A Tradition  
of Excellence*

Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis District  
1920-2020

# Welcome

**W**elcome to our very first Virtual Convention (VCon). Even though our lives have changed in ways none of us could have imagined, we are still planning to bring you a great convention and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of our District. I'm very proud of how many of our clubs have stepped up and found different ways of holding meetings, Division Council meetings, Interclubs, fundraisers, projects and, especially, membership drives.



**Nebraska-Iowa  
Governor  
Lenora Hanna**

**Our District's 100-year celebration** begins on Friday evening with a video of a six-decade member who has been in the same club (Fremont) since 1956. We will share a letter from our International President, Daniel Vigneron, congratulating our District of this great accomplishment – 100 years! We will be joined live by our newly elected Kiwanis International President Designate Art Riley and through video by the Key Club International President, Alex Drahos, who is from the Nebraska-Iowa District. To top off our Friday celebration, there will be fun trivia by Kiwanian John Hay.

*You don't want to miss this!!!*

**On Saturday**, District Awards will be announced and there will be education presentations from Brad Boyd of Kiwanis International and from Past Kiwanis International Presidents Steve Siemens and Jane Erickson, both of whom hail from this great Nebraska-Iowa District. Our special guest speaker will be Christy Prang from the Child Advocacy Center and there will also be video messages from our NE-IA District Key Club and Circle K Governors, Kylie Egbert and Tatum Vondra. Cathy Szymanski, our 2020-2021 Kiwanis International Trustee, will install our District officers and trustees that will be elected at the District Council to be held on August 6.

I hope you will enjoy this special convention and I want to say **a special thank you** to the planning committee who has worked so hard and diligently: Co-chairs Arlyn and Kathie Uhrmacher, Lisa Brichacek, Ron Petsch, Lynda Henningsen, Curt and Connie Reis, Jane Erickson, Sue Waldren and Don Fritz. They definitely have followed this year's motto... **Actions, Not Just Words.**



## Kiwanis®

August 2020



To the Nebraska-Iowa District,

Congratulations on your 100th anniversary! Though your annual gathering will be virtual rather than in person this year, you have reason to celebrate and your century of service is indeed worth observing.

I know that attentive preparation and leadership have contributed to the success of your district over the years. Your teamwork and longevity illustrate my motto, *Res non verba* – actions, not only words.

Each district plays a role in making Kiwanis the respected organization that it is. I want Kiwanis to evolve with the times and become more ambitious. The service you provide to children and your community plays a big part.

Membership growth is the key to our future. As you look forward to the years ahead, expand your impact by inviting new friends and neighbors to join Kiwanis. Membership retention is also very important. We want all Kiwanians to feel engaged and motivated.

Enjoy your very special anniversary, be safe and thank you for your dedication to Kiwanis!

Your friend in Kiwanis,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Vigneron'.

Daniel Vigneron  
2019-20 President  
Kiwanis International

# District Officers

2019-2020

**ACTIONS, NOT JUST WORDS**  
*Res, non Verba*  
 NE-IA District  
 2019-2020



**Governor**  
**Lenora Hanna**



**Governor-Elect**  
**Curt Reis**



**Vice Governor**  
**Don Fritz**



**Immediate Past Governor**  
**Sue Waldren**



**District Administrator**  
**Lisa Brichacek**



**District Treasurer**  
**Larry Ziska**



**KI Trustee & Counselor**  
**Tony Gunn**

# Trustees

**Region 1**



**Gary Muckel**  
 Term 2018-2021  
 Divisions 21, 22, 23, 24, 25

**Region 2**



**Barb O'Donnell**  
 Term 2019-2022  
 Divisions 17, 18, 19, 20

**Region 3**



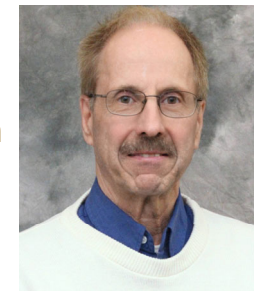
**Norma Beaver**  
 2019-2020 Representative  
 Divisions 3, 4, 5, 6

**Region 4**



**Gary Lindgren**  
 Term 2018-2021  
 Divisions 1, 2, 7, 8

**Region 5**



**Joe Melcher**  
 Term 2017-2020  
 Divisions 11, 12, 13, 16

**Region 6**



**Daryn Hamilton**  
 Term 2017-2020  
 Divisions 9, 10, 14, 15

# *St. Governors*

2019-2020

- Div. 1 Gary Farman, Mason City
- Div. 2 Scott Meier, Fort Dodge
- Div. 3 Nick Christensen, Spirit Lake
- Div. 4 Todd Zuidema, Hull
- Div. 5 Barb Hames, Le Mars
- Div. 6 Pam Henderson, Alta
- Div. 7
- Div. 8 Brian MacLearn, Greater Waverly
- Div. 9 Janet Blackledge, Cedar Rapids
- Div. 10
- Div. 11 Randy Griffith, Ames Town & Country
- Div. 12 Larry Buss, Logan
- Div. 13 Ron Peterson, West Des Moines
- Div. 14 Kathy Schweer, Iowa City Old Capitol
- Div. 15
- Div. 16 Mike Musich, Urbandale/Grimes
- Div. 17 Elaine Armstrong, Clarinda
- Div. 18 Celise Swanson, Norfolk
- Div. 19 Steve Hamilton, Florence
- Div. 20 Hank Schaben, West Omaha Diamond K
- Div. 21 Arlyn Uhrmacher, Lincoln Northeast
- Div. 22N Shirley Daugherty, Lincoln Cornhusker
- Div. 22S Paul Hay, Beatrice
- Div. 23 John Boltz, Hastings
- Div. 24 Chuck Beck, Kearney
- Div. 25

*Thank you division leaders!*



## **Kiwanis®**

**Nevada Kiwanis  
Proudly Serving  
Kids and Families  
Locally and  
Around the World  
Since 1972**

# Service Leaders

Service Leadership Program Officers 2019-2020

## Nebraska-Iowa Key Club Governor

**Kylie Egbert, Linn-Mar High School**

## Key Club International President

**Alex Drahos, Linn-Mar High School**

## Key Club International

## Immediate Past President

**K'lena Schnack, Milford High School**



**Nebraska-Iowa  
Circle K Governor  
Tatum Vondra,  
University of Nebraska  
at Kearney**



**Nebraska-Iowa  
Aktion Club Governor  
Tamara Lloyd, Newton, IA**

### **As of Oct. 1, 2019: 172 Service Leadership Programs**

29 K-Kids, 27 Builders Clubs, 65 Key Clubs,  
8 Circle K Clubs, 43 Aktion Clubs

# Leadership Team

## Service Leadership Programs

K-Kids Administrator — Kathie Uhrmacher, Lincoln Northeast  
Builders Club Administrator — Jim Dane, Iowa City Old Capitol  
Key Club Administrator — Tracey Domgard, Lincoln Northeast  
Circle K Administrator — Travis Grafe-Cline, Lincoln Northeast  
Aktion Club Administrator — Jim Brewer, Lincoln Cornhusker  
Key Leader Administrator — Lynda Henningsen, Omaha

## Committee Chairs/Leaders

Membership ~ Gary Wattnem, Mason City-River City  
Youth Protection Manager ~ Linda Placzek, Omaha Golden K  
Club Leadership Education ~ Shirley Daugherty, Lincoln Cornhusker  
Leadership Development & Education ~ Jane Erickson, Bellevue-Offutt  
District Convention ~ Arlyn and Kathie Uhrmacher, Lincoln Northeast  
International Convention ~ Tracey Domgard, Lincoln Northeast  
Human & Spiritual Values ~ Mark Holmer, Algona-Morwens  
Advocate Eliminate ~ Milford Hanna, Lincoln Northeast  
Parliamentarian ~ Bob Marshall, Lincoln Northeast  
KI Leadership ~ Milford Hanna, Lincoln Northeast  
Childhood Hunger ~ Charlene Johnson, Atlantic  
Public Relations ~ Lynda Henningsen, Omaha  
The Kiwanian Editor ~ Lisa Brichacek, Wahoo  
Young Children ~ Bob Marshall, Lincoln Northeast  
Past Governors Association ~ Jan Burch, Norwalk Area  
Past. Lt. Governors Committee ~ Lynda Henningsen, Omaha  
Webmaster & Technical ~ Ron Petsch, Milford/Seward Helping Hands  
Bylaws/Policies/Procedures/Resolutions ~ Jan Burch, Norwalk Area  
Partnership Coordinator ~ Mark Hall, Norfolk Morning  
Finance ~ Gary Lindgren, Mason City-River City  
Nominating ~ Sue Waldren, Lincoln Northeast  
Children's Fund ~ Jody Melcher, Nevada  
Risk Manager ~ Lon Olson, Fremont



LINCOLN  
SUNRISE KIWANIS

Serving Our Community  
Since 1973

Happy  
Anniversary



*Thanks for 100 years  
of service and support  
to the children of  
Nebraska and Iowa!*

**SouthPointe Kiwanis**

*Chartered March 22, 2006*

**WE'RE  
NEBRASKA  
IN A BANK**

The days we best remember are  
the ones we spend together.

**Pinnacle Bank**  
THE WAY BANKING SHOULD BE

MEMBER FDIC

Congratulations on 100 years of serving the  
children and our communities in our  
fantastic Nebraska-Iowa District!



**Your Past**

Bob Dunaway, 2004-05

**District**

Ray Ward, 2005-06

**Governors:**

Mark Holmer, 2007-08

Larry Ziska, 1989-90

Don Glenn, 2008-09

Milford Hanna, 1992-93

Ron Petsch, 2009-10

"TJ" Tjaden, 1993-94

Marvel Dunaway, 2011-12

Tony Caponigro, 1994-95

Gus Dornbusch, 2010-11

"Gus" Erickson, 1995-96

Bob Mitchell, 2012-13

Steve Siemens, 1996-97

Steve McNally, 2014-15

Clark Marshall, 1999-2000

Jody Melcher, 2015-16

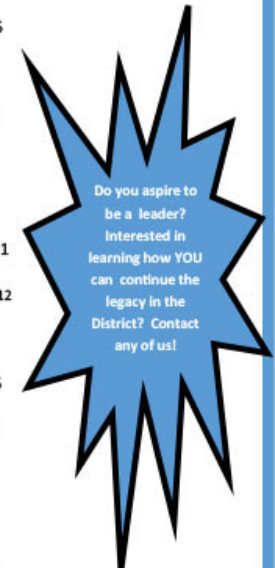
Jane Erickson, 2001-02

Jim Dane, 2016-17

Kim Wermersen, 2002-03

Jan Burch, 2017-18

Sue Waldren, 2018-19







# Convention Schedule

## Saturday, Aug. 8 Continued

- Everyday Hero Awards by Immediate Past Gov. Sue Waldren
- SLP Awards by Immediate Past Gov. Sue Waldren
- Key Club Scholarships by Immediate Past Gov. Sue Waldren
- Team Maze Signature Project Video
- ...
- Lay Person of the Year by Past Gov. Mark Holmer
- Foundation Awards by Foundation President Lonnie Shumate
- Special Recognition by Past Gov. Sue Waldren & Gov. Lenora Hanna
- ...
- **Retirement and Installation of Officers**  
 Kiwanis International Trustee Cathy Szymanski
- ...
- **Closing Remarks: Gov. Lenora Hanna and Gov.-Elect Curt Reis**



Kiwanis Club of Kearney is celebrating 100 Years of Service and Fellowship on October 5, 2020

**Thank You Centennial Sponsors:**  
 Schrock Medical Clinic  
 First National Bank  
 Kearney Regional Hospital  
 Platte Valley Medical Group  
 Ward Laboratories

Thank You

**Kiwanis**  
NEBRASKA-IOWA DISTRICT FOUNDATION

*for 50 years of helping to meet the needs of children in our District*

The Foundation was chartered Aug. 8, 1970 to support the education and training of Kiwanians and Kiwanis sponsored youth in order to further the community programs and projects undertaken by district members. The Foundation has also provided grant assistance over the years to clubs to help and their projects.

**Kiwanis**  
NEBRASKA-IOWA DISTRICT

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**Kiwanis**  
NEBRASKA-IOWA DISTRICT

**Norma Beaver**  
Region 3 Representative  
(Divisions 3, 4, 5 & 6)

*Best Wishes!*

**Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis District**  
On 100 Years of Service to Kids

**Kiwanis**  
NEBRASKA-IOWA DISTRICT

from  
 Helping Hands Kiwanis Club of Seward, Nebraska

# Speakers

**Christy Prang** is the Training and Prevention Director at the Child Advocacy Center, where she educates and empowers adults to protect and stand up for kids. Christy helps educate law enforcement, Department of Health and Human Services, school professionals, mental health professionals, churches and many youth-serving organizations across 17 counties in Southeast Nebraska.



Christy's received her undergraduate in criminal justice from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She is working on her Master's in Business Administration degree with an emphasis in non-profit management and public administration.



The Child Advocacy Center is a non-profit organization that provides a safe, child friendly location for conducting forensic interviews and medical evaluations for abused children. The Child Advocacy Center is located in Lincoln, with satellite offices in York and Auburn.

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**Cathy Szymanski** was elected to a three-year term as a trustee of Kiwanis International in 2019. Cathy is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Erie and a member of the eKiwanis club, both in Pennsylvania. She has been distinguished club president, distinguished secretary, distinguished lieutenant governor and distinguished governor.



Cathy is a veteran of the United States Army, earning three Army Achievement Medals and an Army Good Conduct Medal, and has a number one best seller on Amazon. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in computer science at the Erie Business Center and holds a degree in marketing from Mercyhurst University. She is director of WOW at Szymanski Consulting and is president of e-IT Support.

For 2020-2021, Cathy will serve as the Kiwanis International Trustee and Counselor to the Nebraska-Iowa District.

## Finding the Leader in You

Understanding how to be a better leader starts here.

**Presenter: Steve Siemens.** Steve is a "People Builder," in both his professional life as a motivational speaker and as a Kiwanian. He joined Kiwanis in 1985. Since then, he has worked on behalf of the mission of Kiwanis to make a difference in the lives of peo-



ple and children. His leadership teaching and coaching has helped hundreds of people develop unique leadership skills.

As president of Kiwanis International, Steve oversaw the organization's highest growth in 15 years. Steve has presented to Kiwanians and others across the globe.

## Adventures with Service Leadership Programs

Working with SLP members can be challenging these days. Come learn four steps to build a stronger relationship with your SLPs. You'll become a better mentor, a better sponsor and a better coach for our world's future leaders.



**Presenter: Jane Erickson.** Jane has served in multiple leadership roles at

all levels. She was on the original design team for Key Leader, continues to serve as a lead facilitator for the program and is starting her 23rd year as advisor to the Wake Robin K-Kids. She has served 14 years at the international board level and is the first leader to serve as president of Kiwanis International Foundation and as president of Kiwanis International.

## Moving from Pandemic to Plandemic

Even during a pandemic, there are things we can do. Come find out some ways to tinker with your club.

**Presenter: Brad Boyd.** Brad has served nearly six years as Central USA Area Director for Kiwanis International, advising current volunteer leaders, training future ones, facilitating strategic planning and promoting membership initiatives.



In addition to coaching current clubs to become stronger and more relevant, he has actively participated in opening nearly 40 new Kiwanis clubs throughout North America.

This follows almost four years as executive director for the Kiwanis Foundation of Indianapolis. A former Key Club and CKI member, Brad is currently serving the Indiana District as Indy Metro Lt. Governor.



# A PROUD TRADITION OF SERVICE



***“Let’s get busy and start  
working on the next 100 years!”***

David Christensen

Joined Fremont Kiwanis May 24, 1956



CHARTERED NOV. 5, 1920

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- Div. 10 Frank Moran, Marshalltown Matins
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- Div. 21 Keith Prettyman, Lincoln Center
- Div. 22N Shirley Daugherty, Lincoln Cornhusker
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- Div. 25

# Candidates

2020-2021 District Offices & Trustees



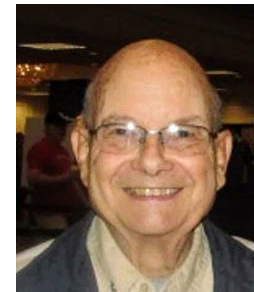
**Governor**  
**Curt Reis**



**Governor-Elect**  
**Don Fritz**



**Vice Governor**  
**Lynda**  
**Henningsen**



**Trustee Region 5**  
**Andy Webb**



**Trustee Region 6**  
**Jim Dane**

LET IT BE KNOWN, the business to be conducted by the delegates during the Aug. 6 District Council meeting includes election of the 2020-2021 governor, governor-elect and vice governor.

LET IT BE FURTHER KNOWN, that it has been established that Regions 5 and 6 each have a sole candidate for trustee, and that it is the intent of the District during the Aug. 6 District Council meeting to use the process allowed by the bylaws for declaring a sole candidate to be elected in each of these regions.



# Kiwaniis®

CLUB OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA - LINCOLN CENTER

The Kiwanis Club of Lincoln, Nebraska - Lincoln Center congratulates the Nebraska-Iowa District for their 100 year history, as we celebrate 101 years!

We are proud that our Club and the District have provided members willing to provide leadership for quality local service projects as well as leadership at the International level. Jane Erickson our most recent International president from 2016-2017 helped us celebrate our centennial in March 2019.



Marissa Gill Keyzer, our 2018-2019 club president, and Keith Prettyman, our Club's Childrens' Fund, Eliminate coordinator, presented a check to Jane at the celebration.

Officers for October 1, 2019 - September 30, 2020 are:

|                  |                  |                    |                |
|------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Marv Ehly        | President        | Board of Directors |                |
| Jason Anderson   | President Elect  | Bill Caldwell      | Armon Nielsen  |
| Jim Schiefelbein | Vice President   | Jim Culver         | Marc Shklonick |
| Larry Graham     | Treasurer        | Michael Gregg      | Andy Sonneland |
| Keith Prettyman  | Secretary        | Rob Klucas         | Jim Sherwood   |
| Dayle Williamson | Assist Secretary | Kelsey Meyer       | Paul Svoboda   |
|                  |                  | Roger Millnitz     | Ty Westover    |



# District History

## Anniversary Clubs

### 101-Year Clubs

Des Moines  
Lincoln Center  
Omaha

### 100-Year Clubs

|                |              |            |
|----------------|--------------|------------|
| Cedar Rapids   | Fort Dodge   | Mason City |
| Council Bluffs | Grand Island | Ottumwa    |
| Downtown       | Hastings     | Sioux City |
| Fremont        | Kearney      | Waterloo   |



## 60-Plus-Year Members

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Everett Breach     | Philip Leff      |
| William Caldwell   | Milo Lines       |
| David Christensen  | Joseph Ludley    |
| Leslie Graham      | Stanley Moffitt  |
| August Henrichs    | Jim Nelson       |
| Caryl Hollingshead | Charles Wharton  |
| Paul Kane          | Ronald Zoutendam |
| John Kiburz        |                  |

## 50 -Plus-Year Members

|                      |                   |                    |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Gary Astor           | Richard Hunt      | Lloyd Phillips     |
| Craig Ause           | Paul Hunter       | Earl Phillips      |
| James Bacino         | Eugene Joerger    | Charles Pickens    |
| Roy Bennett          | Duane Johnson     | Earl Rademacher    |
| Dalton Benson        | William Keck      | Seymour Raffety    |
| Lawrence Bice        | Fred Kempf        | John Rahn          |
| Robert Boettcher     | D Kollbaum        | Ivan Reed          |
| Valerian Bohaty      | Robert Kully      | Keith Roorda       |
| William Bossenberger | Wayne Larson      | Clyde Sachtleben   |
| Ronald Brackle       | Ernest Lehman     | John Sagar         |
| Robert Braun         | Mack Maffett      | Frederick Schieber |
| William Brentnall    | Gerald McCracken  | Neil Schilke       |
| Duane Burns          | Tracy McCurdy     | Kenneth Schmidt    |
| Rex Cross            | Thomas McGee      | Robert Schropp     |
| John Dando           | Thomas McLaughlin | Richard Stillahn   |
| Ron Dowd             | John Mechem       | Christian Terman   |
| Douglas Edwards      | Ernst Mehl        | George Thompson    |
| Keith Ervin          | Norman Meinking   | William Thompson   |
| Robert Garrett       | Donald Miller     | David Tucker       |
| Joe Geist            | Irving Molstad    | Tom Turk           |
| James Golden         | Donald Moore      | Eugene Ver Steeg   |
| Garth Grafft         | George Morris     | Virgil Wahlman     |
| Vernon Greimann      | Larry Moser       | Don Weber          |
| John Greve           | Steve Munson      | Dale Wetzel        |
| Gary Guge            | Raymond Nielsen   | Charles Wetzeler   |
| D Gustafson          | Stephen O'Brien   | Roger Wilson       |
| Kirk Hayes           | Roger Olson       | Merlyn Winther     |
| Darrell Hjortshoj    | Irvin Omtvedt     | Phillip Wurst      |
| Terry Hoeman         | Robert Orshek     | Lawrence Young     |
| Gerald Holbach       | Frank Pechacek    | Dick Zwart         |
| Dean Hoy             | Martin Peterson   | Stan Zylstra       |
| Dean Hummel          | George Phelps     |                    |

\*Member anniversary dates as provided by Kiwanis International, June 1, 2020

## International Presidents

### Raymond M. Crossman, 1930-1931

Attracted by its purposes and ideals, Ray Crossman, then a young attorney, became a member of Kiwanis International and the Omaha Downtown Club in 1920. His love for Kiwanis almost immediately attracted wide attention. Only three years later, he was chairman of the International Committee on Laws and Regulations. At the International Convention of 1923, a special committee was set up to redraft the constitution of Kiwanis and to formulate a statement of the principals and purposes of the organization. Ray was appointed chair of this committee. In 1924, at the International Convention in Denver, the new constitution was adopted together with the six "Objects of Kiwanis." Nearly a century later, these Objects have remained unchanged.



Simultaneously he also served as Governor of the Nebraska-Iowa District in 1923. From 1924 to 1927, he was elected and served as International Trustee, and as International Treasurer from 1928-1930. Looking for a young, energetic and capable leader to guide Kiwanis through the depth of the Depression, the delegates of the International Convention in 1930 found such a person in Ray Crossman. He was elected to served as International President for the 1930-1931 term.

Ray's interest and dedication to Kiwanis did not end there. In 1933, he was elected by his Omaha club to serve as their club president. Over the years that followed, he remained active. On the evening before his death on May 17, 1963, he had attended a ladies night meeting of his own Omaha Downtown club.

### Wes H. Bartlett, 1971-1972

"Kiwanis is more than an emblem and an organization of people throughout the world; it is a symbol of sharing good fortunes with those less fortunate." These words, spoken by past International President Wes Bartlett, are a reflection of his sensitivity to the needs of others.



Born in 1915, the same year Kiwanis was founded, Wes joined the Algona Noon Kiwanis in 1946 and served as club president in 1950. He was elected Lt. Governor of his division in 1951. At the District Convention in 1953, he was elected District governor. He went on to serve on the International Board of Trustees from 1964 thru 1973 and was elected International president in 1971 at the San Francisco convention.

A humble man, Wes loved his club meetings and had perfect attendance for over 60 years. During his years as International president, he focused on two goals, drug prevention and environmental education. He also believed strongly in supporting Key Club and Circle K.

Wes credited his dad and Kiwanis for giving him the greatest learning experiences of his life.

In a 2009 interview with the Kiwanian District Bulletin, Wes gave a message to his fellow members that he hoped they would make Kiwanis a priority in their lives.

Wes Bartlett passed away on March 26, 2012 at the age of 96.

### Steve Siemens, 2005-06

Steve Siemens is a builder, a "People Builder." In both his professional life as a motivational speaker and as a Kiwanian, he has inspired us time and time again. His leadership skills as president of Siemen's People Builders and his presentations continue to bring out the best in our district leadership members.



As president of Kiwanis International in 2005-2006, Steve oversaw our organizations highest growth in 15 years. Prior to his election to the International board, he served as chairman of the Worldwide Service Project Campaign Committee to eliminate iodine deficiency disorders, a project he deemed at the time as one of the "most exciting things we've done as an organization." Membership always at the forefront, he also served on the International Committee on Club Operations/Member Retention.

As a member of the Downtown Des Moines club, Steve served as distinguished president in 1992-1993 and went on to serve as distinguished Lt. governor for Division 11 in 1993-1994. He also served at vice-president of the Nebraska-Iowa Foundation Board and is a life member of both Kiwanis International and Nebraska-Iowa District Foundation.

A diamond level 22 Hixson fellow and a Tablet of Honor recipient, he was also awarded a Presidential Citation at the 1998 convention in Montreal.

As an international trustee, Steve served on many committees and was a counselor for Kiwanis districts around the world. His assignments have also included being board counselor to the Circle K International Board.

### Jane Erickson, 2016-2017

Jane Erickson is a woman of many firsts. Joining Kiwanis in 1990, she became the first female president of the Fort Dodge Noon Kiwanis Club in 1994, first female Lt. governor in 1995 and was the first female to serve on the Kiwanis International Foundation from 2002-2009, where she served as its first female president in 2007-2008. She is also the first person ever to be president of the Foundation and then president of Kiwanis itself in 2016-2017.



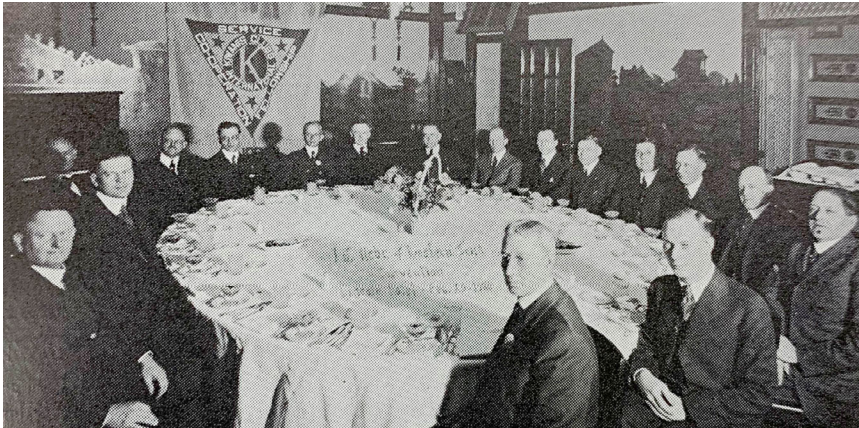
A strong proponent of Service Leadership Programs (SLP), she served as chairman of the first Kiwanis Program Board in 2014-2015, which oversees all the SLP programs. She has been a member of Bellevue-Offutt Kiwanis club and a K-Kids advisor of her beloved Wake Robin K-Kids for over 20 years.

Having served on a multitude of Kiwanis committees, including the chair of the women's 25th Anniversary Committee, she is also a Key Leader facilitator and is a recipient of Circle K International's McKittrick award. She is a Diamond-level Hixson Fellow, Tablet of Honor recipient, Founders Circle, Kiwanis International Foundation's Heritage Society member, Walter Zeller Fellow and Mother's Day Fellow.

A strong advocate for children, she believes all children should have the opportunity to grow up happy, healthy, safe and loved. And, she believes that Kiwanis International as an organization, and Kiwanis members can play an important and positive role in the lives of children.

Jane is the owner of the Wellness & Training Works and continues to bring her leadership talents to the Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis family.

## Our Beginnings



The first District event was held Feb. 20, 1920 in Lincoln.

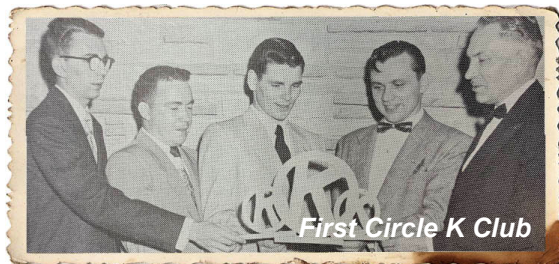
On, Jan. 21, 1915, Kiwanis officially came into being. In 1916, Kiwanis spread into Canada and became an international organization. About a year later, districts were started.

Our district was formed on Jan. 6, 1920 as the Western Iowa District. The first governor was Ray Edmiston of Lincoln. The Kiwanis motto "We Build" was coined during his term. The first convention was held Sept. 13, 1920 in Des Moines, with seven clubs represented.

The Nebraska-Iowa District name became official on May 29, 1922.

Our District's Kiwanis family continued to grow and soon so too did the service leadership programs.

Key Club International, a high school organization for boys, came into existence in the early 1930s. Shortly after World War II, Circle K International was formed to serve college men. Our District's first Key Club was sponsored by North Platte Kiwanis Club and organized on Sept. 23, 1947. Buena Vista College at Storm Lake boasted the first Circle K Club on Oct. 22, 1950.



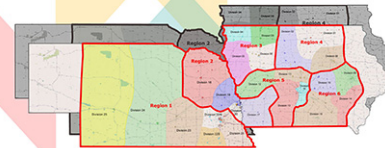
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Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis  
on 100 years!*

*Special  
thanks for  
your service to youth!*



**Serving Children  
For Another  
100 Years  
Kiwanis  
OMAHA, INC.  
Organized Jan. 23, 1919**

*Congratulations!*



**Nebraska-Iowa  
Kiwanis District**

on your  
100th Anniversary Celebration.

From the  
Milford,  
Nebraska  
Kiwanis  
Club



**SEWARD KIWANIS**

*Serving Our  
Community  
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**District Training School, 1938**

The Service Leadership Programs continued to expand with the development in the 1970s of Builders Club for middle school students. The District's first Builders Club was in 1976, sponsored by Webster City Main Street USA.

Not to leave out elementary age students, K-Kids got their own clubs too. Wake Robin Elementary and Central Elementary, both in Bellevue, got their start in 1999 and are still active today.

Aktion Club was started in 1987 as the only service group for adults with disabilities. The Algona Aktion Club was the first to be established in 2002. Our District has been very active in service to both adults and kids with disabilities, with Kiwanians spending time with Special Olympics and now The Miracle League.

Another group committed to service in the community came into the Kiwanis family in 1987. That was the year at the International Convention in Washington, D.C. that delegates voted to admit women to full membership in Kiwanis clubs. Our District's first woman lieutenant governor was elected in 1992-1993. Betty Guy was from the Midlands Club in Division 15S.



The first female District governor, elected in 2001, was Jane Erickson, who became president of the Kiwanis International Foundation (now Kiwanis Children's Fund) in 2007 and then was also elected as president of Kiwanis International in 2016.

## Service!

A Major Emphasis Program was established in 1969. In tune with the times, it was called "Operation Dug Alert" and involved the energies of all Kiwanis clubs.

An international project was started during the 1990-1991 year. Young Children Priority One is still an ongoing program for early age children that addresses four needs: development, safety, health and parent education.

Another global campaign for children got underway in 1990 and focused on eliminating iodine deficiency disorders, the single greatest cause of preventable brain damage.

By 2010, Kiwanis identified maternal neonatal tetanus as its next global cause for mothers and babies. Millions of lives have been saved through the inoculation of babies and mothers.

International initiatives have been important to our clubs but as it has been since the beginning, service at the local level has been a priority too.

Kiwanians have invested their time in a variety of service projects. From reading at grade schools to handing out scholarships to graduating seniors, members have been very involved with students. Then, there are the community projects, including roadside cleanup, parks, camps, summer recreation and just about anything that can have a positive impact on a child's life. In recent years, childhood hunger service projects have come to the forefront.

But, it takes money to do these projects and fundraisers are in the Kiwanis vocabulary too. Pancakes have been a Kiwanis tradition. Other fundraisers over the years have included Peanut Days, raffles, golf tournaments, candy sales, concession stands and trivia contests. Generous donations have played a major role in helping service projects as well.



**Newton Noon Kiwanis, 1990**

## Fellowship And More



Interclubbing has been popular through the years. It provides fellowship, learning and it is just plain fun. Interclub has taken a different form during our 100th year, as clubs have used the “virtual meeting” as an opportunity to connect with clubs from across the District.

Student fellowship has happened over the years through Camp OK and Key Leader. These programs, which also include educational and developmental opportunities, could not happen without the assistance of the Nebraska-Iowa District Foundation.

The District Foundation was created in 1970, making this year its golden anniversary. The Foundation also provides grants to clubs seeking monetary support for local projects.

The Nebraska-Iowa District has also had a tradition of gathering for mid-year conferences and annual conventions. However, some of the conferences have been hindered by weather. And this year, a pandemic affected both the Mid-Year Leadership Conference and the annual convention. But our leadership has always remained strong, creative and determined to continue the tradition of excellence in service.

*We hope you have enjoyed this historical look back and also our first ever Virtual Convention.*



*Past Gov. Larry Ziska clearing a path to Midyear Conference in 1990.*

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| 2017-18 Jan Burch           | 1978-79 Richard Hogan           |
| 2016-17 Jim Dane            | 1977-78 Larry Vaughn            |
| 2015-16 Jody Melcher        | 1976-77 Art Gratiias            |
| 2014-15 Steve McNally       | 1975-76 Walter Morrison         |
| 2013-14 Andy Bradley        | 1974-75 G. Vincent Nelson       |
| 2012-13 Bob Mitchell        | 1973-74 Ralph Braught           |
| 2011-12 Marvel Dunaway      | 1972-73 Carl Hayes              |
| 2010-11 Gus Dornbusch       | 1971-72 Ray Stevens             |
| 2009-10 Ron Petsch          | 1970-71 Ronald Hallock          |
| 2008-09 Don Glenn           | 1969-70 Art Brownlee            |
| 2007-08 Mark Holmer         | 1969 Edgar Knox                 |
| 2006-07 Dave Hessman        | 1968 Donald LaVelle             |
| 2005-06 Ray Ward            | 1967 Russell Pearson            |
| 2004-05 Bob Dunaway         | 1966 Edwin Rogers               |
| 2003-04 Phil Rooney         | 1965 Herb Plambeck              |
| 2002-03 Kim Wermersen       | 1964 Kermit Buntrock            |
| 2001-02 Jane Erickson       | 1963 Stanley Michael            |
| 2000-01 Sheldon Howerter    | 1962 Howard Jackson             |
| 1999-00 Clark Marshall      | 1961 Wallace Cassell            |
| 1998-99 Clint McDonald      | 1960 Asa A Wolfe                |
| 1997-98 Jim Gaul            | 1959 Donald G Isett             |
| 1996-97 Steve Siemens       | 1958 Lee Miller                 |
| 1995-96 Gus Erickson        | 1957 Harry Spencer              |
| 1994-95 Tony Caponigro      | 1956 Kermit Doolittle           |
| 1993-94 Glenn Tjaden        | 1955 W.G. "Bill" Miller         |
| 1992-93 Milford Hanna       | 1954 Vernon Rice                |
| 1991-92 Robert Nedrow       | 1953 Wes Bartlett               |
| 1990-91 Robert Hastings     | 1952 H Pierce Witmer            |
| 1989-90 Lawrence Ziska, Jr. | 1951 Don L Parker               |
| 1988-89 James LaRue         | 1950 Ray L Short                |
| 1987-88 Roger Lawrence      | 1949 Bernard Caine              |
| 1986-87 Les Meyers          | 1948 Emmet L Murphy             |
| 1985-86 Louis Hansen        | 1947 E L Allphin                |
| 1984-85 Robert Tollefson    | 1946 Earnest H Matthias         |
| 1983-84 Sheldon Barnett     | 1945 John G Hanson              |
| 1982-83 Robert Hegland      | 1944 Paul G James               |
| 1981-82 Gerald Bloom        | 1943 Wilbur S Aten/Duane Dewell |
| 1980-81 Marvin Anderson     | 1942 Duane Dewell               |

1941 Ralph W Swanson  
 1940 F W Tomasek  
 1939 W F Zimmerman  
 1938 Wm C Jarnagin  
 1937 Glenn Cavanaugh  
 1936 John S Nollen  
 1935 Arthur J Denney  
 1934 Dr W E Walcott  
 1933 Hayden Abmanson  
 1932 Clark Beems  
 1931 Robert M Armstrong

1930 Heman K Knudson  
 1929 Earnest C Folsom  
 1928 Henry K Peterson  
 1927 Curry W Watson  
 1926 Sterling Alexander  
 1925 John A Lawler  
 1924 Dr Sidney E Smith  
 1923 Raymond M Crossman  
 1922 Joe L Long  
 1921 A R Edmiston  
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**The strength of the Nebraska-Iowa District  
 lies with the great leadership that has been shown over the years.**

*Thank you to all  
 who have accepted a leadership role!*



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